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Attendance

Rhea Boudaoud, Mike Campbell, Maureen Carden, Carmen Cata, Andrea Coble, Christine Grady, David Hooten, Leola Houston, Suleiman Ismael, Deb Johnson, Maggie Jones, Nanette Kidby (School Board Liaison), Anne Kline, Dan Monsivais, Cheryl O'Connor (SCPS Facilitator), Doreen Phillips (School Board Member), Mary Repass, Doug Schuch (SCPS Facilitator), Heidi Sloan, Wendy Snider, Elizabeth Staskiel, Cathy Van Valzah, and Ann Walker

Discussion Items

1. Overview of Stakeholder Survey Distribution and Responses – The survey distribution methods, response rates, and response margins of error were described to the committee for surveys administered to SCPS parents, teachers, and students.
2. School Board Statement – Members of the SCPS School Board addressed the committee regarding a statement from the August 22, 2006, School Board meeting to clarify the purpose and scope of the Block Scheduling Evaluation. The statement and supporting talking points are available at the following link:
<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/Div/Stafford/SchoolBoard/Agenda/SBM2007/SBM082206/6E082206.pdf>
The school board members also expressed the opportunity for a block scheduling research group to form on their own and offered that the school board would entertain the option of a presentation by the research group if requested.
3. Review Survey Results Individually – Committee members were provided with survey results from their assigned group (parents, teachers, or students) and given time to review the survey results individually.
4. Analyze and Discuss Survey Results in Small Groups – Committee members analyzed and discussed the survey results in their small groups. They focused on topics such as overall survey results, comparisons between block schedule and traditional schedule SCPS high schools, and what the data show about block scheduling in SCPS.
5. Report Significant Results to Large Group – Committee members were given survey results for each stakeholder group their small group was not assigned. Each small group then presented some of their findings to the whole committee. Several committee members also had questions and comments about the validity of the survey questions and results. This prompted a discussion about survey responses and related

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statistics for validity as well as the use of additional data to draw any conclusions. Committee members were also reminded that they can provide additional feedback on any of the data via email to the committee.

6. Overview of Transfer Survey Distribution and Responses – Committee members were provided with data from incoming and outgoing transfer students. They were given a short overview of the distribution and responses from these transfer surveys.

Homework Item

7. Analyze Transfer Survey Data – The committee was asked to review the incoming and outgoing transfer survey data. Committee members should provide feedback on the survey results via email to the committee if they find significant results.

Next Meeting

8. Wednesday, September 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m., SCPS PDC Room 14